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In re application of:

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CARBOHYDRATE OXIDATION PRODUCTS
AND DERIVATIVES

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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June 18, 2003

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of February 25, 2003,
it is respectfully requested that the above-identified
application be re-examined and reconsidered in light of the
remarks that follow:

R E M A R K S

In the outstanding Official Action, claims 15-19 were
rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by
LEROY et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants believe that LEROY et al. fail to disclose
each and every recitation of the claimed invention. It is
believed that LEROY et al. fail to disclose or suggest aldehyde
groups derived from the oxidation of dihydroxyethylene groups as
recited in the claimed invention.